

# EL PASO HERALD

Sneed Bought Pistol Some Time Before He Killed Capt. A. G. Boyce.

## CONE JOHNSON MAKES OBJECTION

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 13.—Henry Bowman, Jr., of Plano, who married Mrs. J. R. Sneed's sister, testified on cross examination today that Sneed bought the automatic pistol with which he killed Capt. A. G. Boyce, but he told an assumed name at a Ft. Worth hardware store. He thought it was bought in November. The state prosecutor for the gun store sales book and showed that the pistol was bought by "John Smith," Dec. 27.

Bowman said he was present when the purchase was made, but W. H. Atwell was not present. Bowman said he was perfectly willing to admit that the pistol was bought Dec. 27.

Further cross-examination, witness said, heard Sneed say that he intended to kill A. G. Boyce, but he never heard him make any threats to kill Capt. Boyce.

The Boyce Killing. Witness admitted that he himself might have said that Sneed was going to get into trouble.

Questioned again regarding the shooting, witness said: "After Boyce was shot I saw Mr. Atwell peering through the glass windows at the hotel front I afterwards went to the police station and found Sneed there in the chief office with the doors locked and the shades drawn."

The state's attorney asked witness if he did not know that after the shooting Atwell had turned on a car and left for Dallas and he said he did not.

"Didn't Sneed shoot Capt. Boyce the last time in the back?" he was asked, but couldn't say.

Bowman did say, however, that Capt. Boyce ran when Sneed was shooting at him.

Wanted To See Children. When Mrs. Sneed was brought back from Canada, witness said she begged hard to be taken to his home at Plano to see her little girl, but he told her it would not be wise, for Plano was a small place and people would talk. Her children were being well cared for and going to school and it would be embarrassing for them to be asked questions about their mother.

Objects to Counsel's Acts. Cone Johnson, of counsel for the defense, stated that it was not fair for the state to use a copy of grand jury evidence in examining defendant's witnesses and when the defense was not even permitted to see a copy thereof. He said he wanted the fact to get before the jury. He was overruled and took an exception.

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Mr. Cairns and his former associates will be required, the newspaper dispatch says, to furnish the Persian officials with accounts of Mr. Shuster while he acted as treasurer-general.

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## DISARMMENT TO RESIST

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 13.—Armed resistance to the demands of the revolutionists has been threatened by Mormon colonists at Dublin and Colonia Juarez, says a letter written February 6 by Julius Romney, one of the colonists, and received today by the first presidency of the church.

"One Enrique Portillo, with a band of 125 men, demanded," Mr. Romney writes, "in the name of Inez Salazar, head of the Liberalist movement in Chihuahua, 25 guns, ammunition, horses, saddles and supplies. These being refused, our men were arrested and three houses searched for arms and ammunition."

"When we saw the lengths to which they would go," the letter continues, "we had a private interview with Portillo and explained in a kindly way that we could not unreasonably part with our arms and supplies, because as soon as they were gone we would be helpless against any future attacks. He seemed partly convinced and said he would assist in an effort to secure permission for us to retain our arms."

"We want to test out the question if an American has a right to keep a gun for protection in such a time and we feel that the best time to try it out is while we still have our arms."

## FORTY-SIX DROWN AS TWO STEAMERS SINK

Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 13.—Forty-six sailors and passengers were drowned by the sinking after a collision today of two Japanese steamers, the Rikha Maru and the Mori Maru.

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Reported That It Is to Take Over All Wires of El Paso & Southwestern.

## POSTAL NOW HAS ALL THESE WIRES

All telegraph lines of the El Paso & Southwestern railroad are to be taken over in a short time by the Western Union Telegraph company, according to well authenticated reports, though without confirmation either from Western Union or railroad officials.

The suddenly visiting company now has a lease on all wires of the Southwestern, but the lease expires in a few weeks and it is the understanding that the Western Union will take over the lines of the company, including the wires north to Tucuman and south to El Paso, El Paso, Tombstone and Tucson.

This would leave the Postal with wires only to Denver through Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

It is known that high officials of the Western Union have been in El Paso for some time, and that they were here on this deal, but they stealthily refused to confirm it.

## INAUGURATION OF HUNT TOMORROW

Lamar Cobb, of Clifton, Will Be the State Engineer.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 13.—Phoenix is ready for the inauguration. The hotels are all crowded and the crowds are still coming.

Governor Hunt will get here tonight. He will announce at least two points tomorrow after inauguration. They will probably be R. B. Sims, of Cochise county, as superintendent of the state prison, and Lamar Cobb, of Clifton, as state engineer.

Bryan to Deliver Address. William J. Bryan, of Lincoln, Neb., today will come to Phoenix tomorrow with governor Hunt and deliver an address at the inauguration of the first state engineer.

Inaugural Ball in Street. Following the inauguration of Governor Hunt and the delivery of his address, the state engineer will be inaugurated at the Phoenix Hotel.

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Democratic Chemical Tariff Bill List Is Now Made Public.

## MACHINE TOOL MEN FIGHT STEEL LIST

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The chemical tariff revision bill, prepared by the Democratic members of the ways and means committee of the house, was made public today. It puts the following articles on the free list: charcoal and bone black, coal tar and some of its products, sulphate of iron, Paris green, London purple, phosphorus, sheep dip, sulphate of soda, strychnine, sulphur in all forms, talcum and practically all drugs, such as barks, berries, fruits, dried fibers, roots and the like.

According to the committee estimates, the bill would increase the government revenue from the chemical tariff to more than \$16,000,000 in the next fiscal year, an increase of more than \$4,000,000.

Machine Tool Men Protest. Protests by machine tool manufacturers against the proposal to place their products on the free list of the house steel tariff revision bill today marked the opening of the second week of the tariff hearing by the senate finance committee.

Fred A. Geier, of Cincinnati, and Charles C. Ramsey, of Pittsburgh, told the committee that the proposed removal of duty would work havoc to the industry. Mr. Ramsey testified that while he paid his skilled labor \$4 a day, the wage abroad averaged \$2.75.

The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

Investigation Costs \$1,017. Engineering investigations of the Florida everglades have cost the government \$1,017 to date, according to a report of the chief drainage official of the department of agriculture, today before the house committee which has undertaken an inquiry.

Chairman Moss was forced to adjourn the session because of the failure of J. D. Wright, chief drainage official of the state of Florida, to arrive. Mr. Wright formerly was connected with the department of agriculture. He was unable to make time connections.

Report Not Worth Reading. James J. Hill told the Stanley steel trust investigating committee today that the report of the state of Illinois corporations compiled by commissioner Herbert Knox Smith on values, was not worth reading.

Mr. Smith's report may have some facts, said Mr. Hill, but his conclusions are so far from mine that I could not finish reading it.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, urged Mr. Hill to read the report thoroughly and then give the committee the value of his opinion.

"I'm not an expert," said Mr. Hill, "but neither have I the time to study the report carefully. My opinion would not aid the committee much."

The day in Congress. The senate convened at 2 p. m. President Taft withdrew the nomination of C. P. S. as United States marshal for Delaware, against whom charges of bribery had been made.

The house met at noon and resumed consideration of the army appropriation bill.

James J. Hill said at the steel trust hearing that he did not bother much about stocks and bonds.

The investigation of the Florida everglades land case was resumed.

Army Post Reduction Outlined. The 25 army posts which experts of the war department advocate abolishing will not be provided for in the army appropriation bill now before the house.

A reduction of \$100,000 in the fund for barracks and quarters also was made.

## EASTERN TRANSFERRED TO SANTA FE RY.

Roswell, N. M., Feb. 13.—The Eastern Railway of New Mexico has been conveyed to the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, the deed making the transfer having been filed in the office of the recorder of Chaves county. All business is now done under the name of the Santa Fe system, which has really owned the line ever since its sale by J. J. Hagerman (its builder) ten or twelve years ago.

## ONLY VERY FEW AT POULTRY MEETING; DECLARE IT OFF

Owing to the small number of persons present the meeting of the Poultry association Monday night was called off. The association will meet the first Monday in March in Dr. R. E. Homan's office.

## SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE FELT IN MONTANA

Butte, Mont., Feb. 13.—A slight earthquake shock was felt at Butte at 7 o'clock this morning. No damage was done.

## Here's A Story For The Thirteenth

Silver City Man Sees An Object Like An Automobile Sailing Through The Air Against The Wind

Silver City, N. M., Feb. 13.—Major W. M. Spence, who has the reputation of being a sober man and one whose mental equilibrium is not easily disturbed, is responsible for the following story:

Last Saturday afternoon, about 4:30, while on his way from town to his ranch, six miles east of Silver City, he saw a strange object some 500 or 600 feet above the earth, sailing rapidly in a due west direction. Apparently it was five or six miles south of him and was moving head-on dead against a seven-knot wind. The shape of the strange object, Maj. Spence says, resembled a large auto with top, the body being dark, with an attachment in front that appeared to be made of very white cloth, this attachment, to the eye, appearing to be about six feet wide, set at an angle of probably 45 degrees—in short, it bore to the main and

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Special Architecture Makes Modern Libraries Safe and Convenient.

## LIGHT IS ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF BUILDING

By Frederic J. Haskin. Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—With the enormous increase of the number of libraries in the world, came the need of a special architecture to meet the broadening demands of these institutions. The typical American library has changed greatly in its architecture during the past half century, and has been made more nearly fire proof. Formerly a library suggested an immense hall or room with high vaulted ceilings, dimly lighted with scant windows between rows of book cases, most of which were accessible only by ladders. The effect was that of the old Gothic church and, while artistically attractive, a building contained few of the conveniences recognized as essential to modern library work.

Light is First Requirement. The first requirement of modern libraries is an abundance of light. The most successful types of library buildings have their ground plan shaped like the capital letters L, T, H or E. Any of these forms afford good lighting facilities. Another popular form is the trefoil or inverted T type. The book room in such a building projects from the rear and many have a chevron wall for easy removal if extension is required. The main entrance in the middle front is into a central hall for the circulation department. On one side may be the reference or study room and in the other the children's or periodical room. This type of building gives good results and can usually be cheaply administered while some of the other forms require a more exacting maintenance.

A large number of modern libraries, which are models of convenience, are built in the form of a square surrounded by a large interior court. In many instances a triangular lot has also been utilized for a building of modern and improved library plans. The Brooklyn and St. Louis libraries are on triangular shaped lots, while the Minneapolis library is a quadrangular building around a central court 60 feet square. This last is one of the newer libraries built at a cost approximating half a million dollars and contains many of the latest ideas in library equipment.

Simple to Design Now. Libraries are much more simple in their design than even a decade ago, and their ornamentation is growing more restrained and less elaborate. The decorations are of the classic simplicity, the columns and pedimented porticoes of the classical style being especially commendable. The circular spiral and other peculiar shapes of the modern library are for library purposes, excepting that some libraries advocate a round and having radial divisions, which are also used in the delivery room. The Pittsburgh branch libraries are of this type.

The central Carnegie Public Library of Pittsburgh has a semicircular hall attached, but this contains the high vaulted music room which is recognized as the most beautiful library building in the world. It is built of Tennessee marble with mosaic floors, the ceilings are decorated with white and blue arabesques, the names of great writers, and printer's marks. Handsome marble stairways lead from the first floor to the great reference room on the second floor, which is 332 feet long by 142 wide.

The growing number of libraries and the need of having the buildings erected so as to comply to the requirements of library economy has led the American Library association to make a large collection of the floor plans of public libraries, which are on file in the headquarters in Chicago. These plans range from the smallest village library to the most important university libraries and are available to anyone interested in the erection of a library. The plans most in demand are for buildings ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000 in cost. Many state library commissions also have collections of typical library plans and give their aid in procuring suitable plans for the libraries according to the needs of the locality.

One of the most important features of modern library architecture is its provision for fire prevention. To fight a fire breaking out in an old fashioned library building is a task which is no longer a simple one.

Loose Talk Offended To. "Loose talk" by army officers on the situation in Mexico also is a menace to friendly relations according to representative James L. Sladen, member of the house military affairs committee. In a speech in the house he protested against inept language.

Mr. Sladen feared a continuance of such talk would bring about a withdrawal in which congress would be forced into war.

VILJOEN THINKS YAQUIS ARE GOING TO RETURN TO PEACE. Guaymas, Sonora, Mex., Feb. 13.—B. J. Viljoen has returned from a few days' visit to the Yaqui reservation. In a speech in the house he spoke of the Yaqui situation, he said that chiefs Epeimena, Matias, Sauters and Mori have now taken back the Yaqui reservation, called Torreonpampa, at the edge of the foothills, and that chief Sibabueno, with about 250 Yaquis, has gone up into the mountains. These 50 seem to have been causing all the late disturbance, and it is thought with some reason that the rest of the tribe that there will be no further trouble.

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Newspapers There Say That United States Will Have to Take Over Mexico.

## TALK OF A WARSHIP BEING SENT OVER

Berlin, Germany, Feb. 13.—The reported murder of E. Hans Angelman, a German ranch owner at El Porvenir, in Mexico, has attracted the attention of the newspapers here to the conditions prevailing in Mexico. The general impression is that the United States will be forced ultimately to interfere in that country.

The Boersen Zeitung, in commenting on the subject, says: "Better a peaceful Mexico under the United States than one devastated by rebels."

Die Post declares it would be shameful for Germany to leave the United States to exact punishment for the murder of a German and demands the immediate dispatch of the German cruiser Bremen, now on the Atlantic station, to Mexico in order to take action.

Hans Angelman, a German subject, was assassinated recently in the state of Veracruz, by Mexican bandits.

## INTERVENTION IS NOT CONSIDERED

United States Has No Intention of Sending Troops Into Mexico.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Realizing the danger to American residents in Mexico from the circulation of erroneous information of proposed intervention on the part of the United States, the state department today issued another circular to its diplomatic and consular representatives in Mexico denying all "English stories" about American intervention and expressing friendly relations and friendship of the United States government for Mexico.

During the Madero revolution the state department issued a similar circular. Since the present trouble assumed serious proportions the department had made every effort to stop the policy of intervention by making plain its policy towards the state republic.

Mr. Molina received a telegram of congratulation from minister Abram Gonzales at Chihuahua because of his work in finding the missing trunk.

Together with other instructions received by consul T. D. Edwards, of Juarez, from the state department by wire cable morning, appears the following paragraph:

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Look Is Recovered. Some of the loot recovered by the police has been identified by Placid Rios as having been stolen from their store the night the garrison was robbed. Juarez was quiet Monday night save that Guadalupe Camacho tried to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Lincoln by shooting a revolver in the air. Mr. Camacho was taken to the police station by one of the gendarmes.

Refugees Still Coming. Moving vans loaded with household goods continue to draw up in front of the federal building to receive the inspectors to make a check. These household effects are from Juarez and the state of Chihuahua and are indicative of the feeling of unrest which exists in the Mexican state at the present time.

Hotels Are Crowded. The hotels continue crowded with refugees from Mexico and the rooming houses are taking in the overflow. Rooms are difficult to obtain at the present time and the traveling public is being inconvenienced because of the crowds which have come out of Mexico recently since the trouble started.

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Burned Bridges South of Juarez Still Prevent Passenger Traffic.

## PEACE COMMISSION MAY BE IN JAIL

Trains on the Mexican National railroad are running on schedule time between the cities of Juarez and Chihuahua, but no trains are being run on the Mexico North Western.

At the offices of the latter company it is announced that no effort is being made at this time to repair the burned bridges nor can it be stated when an effort will be made, as insurgents still hold the country.

Peace Commission Missing. The peace commission which went to Cuernavaca has not been heard from by either the civil or military authorities in Juarez and it is not known if the men succeeded in finding "Capt. Salazar," leader of the insurgents there. Reports brought by returning Americans from that section say the peace commissioners were held.

Business in Juarez is being conducted along the same lines as before the trouble, without interruption and there is no evidence of any feeling of unrest or expectation of trouble, although sensational reports have Antonio Rojas and his band marching to take the city.

Organizing Junta. Vasquezistas are now active at San Antonio and El Paso. Two representatives of the main junta in San Antonio are now in El Paso organizing and making an effort to inspire an invasion of Mexico by anti-government forces. The junta in San Antonio is furnishing the finances.

Estroza's Trunk Found. Col. Augustin Estrada's trunk, which disappeared on the night of the mauling in Juarez, on January 31, has been located by Abram Molina, chief of the Mexican secret service here. The trunk was found in a tenement house on Fourth street in El Paso, late Monday afternoon and was taken to the Mexican consulate in El Paso, where its contents were examined.

In addition to a quantity of documentary evidence found in the trunk, \$4000 in gold and currency was discovered in one of the compartments and a number of papers and letters belonging to Col. Estrada, which are thought to have an important bearing upon the situation in Chihuahua.

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A battle is reported to have been fought yesterday between federal troops and Vasquezistas on the Naves river in the neighborhood of Lerdo, state of Durango. No details have been received.

Twenty-six Vasquezistas were killed and 46 taken prisoners, according to the official report of the battle at Lerdo. The federal losses are not given.

Big Concerns Robbed. Vasquezistas are reported to have robbed the American Smelting Securities company at Teranillas and the Penoles company at Mapim, in the state of Durango.

Scores of foreigners are ready to leave on the first train for Ciudad Porfirio Diaz.

It is declared that a regular organization of Vasquezista forces throughout the republic will commence in the next four or five days and Vasquez denies a proclamation will be declared the presidential candidate, with probably the Manuel Garza Alade as vice president.

It is said that prominent men of Torreon now out of the city will lead a local movement in favor of the Vasquez Gomez candidacy. It is said the proclamation to be issued within one week will declare the movement for the restoration of anarchy and beyond control of the authorities and will call upon all Mexicans to maintain the movement for law and order.

One of the first tasks of the Vasquezistas will be to combat the roving bands of bandits which infest the country in the name of Zapata, but Zapata will act in conjunction with the new movement, it is said.

Raid at Torreon. A coachman agitator named Epimachos has declared against Madero in Torreon and escaped to the country, after making raids on properties in the outskirts of Torreon.

Zapataists were bold enough to enter the city limits to demand horses, robbing the dairy of Mauro de la Pena and property of Vicente Campos. Emmisaries were sent to these properties, which the Vasquezistas were told when Campos's